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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-713-i12)

In re Application of:

Mirkin et al.

Application No.: 09/975,376

Filing Date: October 11, 2001

For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides  
Attached Thereto and Uses Therefor

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) Examiner: Alexander H. Spiegler  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated March 16, 2004. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) is attached. Please amend this application as shown below.

The "Amendment to the claims" section begins on page 2.

The "Remarks" section begins on page 8.